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does the girl
 two addicts behind me in line know
 that as I seem
 to unlace the virtues of
 latte against those of cappuccino
 I am in fact thinking that some of us
 will really never find love
 and she's probably one of them?

I feel like she has to know.

At any rate I wonder what smolders
 in the foam of an Ideal
 "Venti Skim Cinnamon Latte, Please"
 that always brings butcher-boy Cupid to heel — I can't
 endure the wispy grinning voice of the milk-steamer
 without wanting to unravel Cleopatra's sarong,
 just for the sweet reweaving.

I have no envy
 for those estranged from addiction — my trysts
 with steam and stimulant
 may leave my nerves
 with their bedclothes disheveled, but I'll never be unfaithful. One must
 keep lifting one's lips for the dream
 of the sugar and sting enfolded brightly. Not everybody
 knows this.

The girl behind
 rearranges her stare
 though I think she ought to tremble
 when she hears,
 "We are all out of the sugar-free hazelnut syrup today."

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